

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take tremendous pleasure in recognizing those governmental employees who have brought honor to the Show-Me State through their professionalism and willingness to intervene in life-threatening situations; and

Whereas, Corrections Officer I Randy Graddy of Center, Missouri, will be awarded the Missouri Department of Corrections Lifesaver Award during ceremonies to be held on March 24, 2005, at the Northeast Correctional Center in Bowling Green; and

Whereas, on June 2, 2004, several Corrections Officers from the Northeast Correctional Center came upon a horrific car accident on Highway 61 near Bowling Green; and

Whereas, Corrections Classification Assistant Brook Kurth went to the aid of a six-year-old boy who had been thrown out of his families vehicle and going into shock, while Officer Randy Graddy went to the aide of a nine-year-old boy suffering from the same fate; and

Whereas, Officer Darrell Harrison responded to the mother of the family who had also been ejected from the vehicle and assisted Emergency Medical Technicians in placing the woman on a stretcher; and

Whereas, Officer Ronald Denler climbed into the smashed vehicle through its rear window to tend to the driver, the father of the family, who had suffered severe head trauma and was trapped inside; and

Whereas, Officer Rebecca Caldwell attended to an eleven-year-old girl who had also been thrown from the vehicle and was drifting in and out of consciousness due to head injuries sustained in the accident; and

Whereas, Randy Graddy's dedication to his profession, his ability to remain calm in a stressful situation, and his competence to react with sound judgement utilizing skills learned in Department training helped save the life of others; and

Whereas, the son of Bob and Joe Ann Graddy, Randy Graddy has been blessed with the love and affection of two wonderful children, Christopher and Joshua Graddy:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the training and practices of CO I Randy Graddy and to congratulate him upon his well-deserved selection to receive the Department of Corrections Lifesaver Award; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Corrections Officer Randy Graddy, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Rachel Bringer
District No. 6

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker